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Dear CALFED staff:

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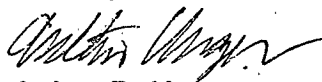
Here is a comment I made previously that applies to the Water Use Efficiency Workgroup meeting of August 1, agenda item 3.

Agricultural water use efficiency of a piece of land should be expressed as how many jobs, and how much food and fiber, that piece of land produces per amount of water applied to that land. America has a much more critical shortage of jobs, than it has need of more food or fiber.

We should retire the least efficient land. This will probably be the soil with the most Selenium, and the land that will accumulate the most salt if it is irrigated with salt carrying water. The Natural Resources Conservation Service should be able to designate such soil. Perhaps irrigating some soils is a waste of water. Most retired land may be suitable habitat for endangered species.

Can you send me the minutes of this meeting?

Thank you



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P.S. Mr. Snow. Thanks for your recent "thanks for your comments" note. Arthur